

Fort Monroe Authority
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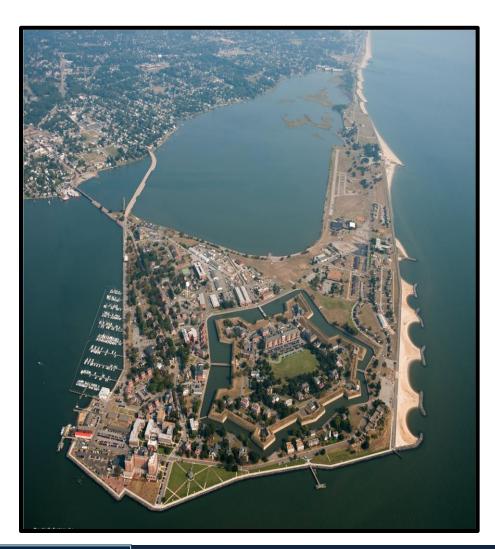
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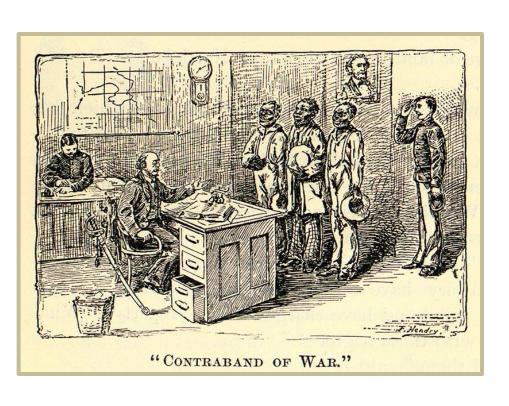
### **Old Point Comfort**

- In 1607, the Virginia Company "found a channel ... which put (them) in good comfort."
- Fort Algernourne, the first defensive structure, was built in 1609.
- ♣ Dutch ship arrived at Fort Algernourne with "twenty and odd" Africans in 1619
- Fort George, a more permanent fortification was constructed in 1730.
- Served as the key defensive site of the Chesapeake Bay for 400 years.





# African-American History: The Contraband Story



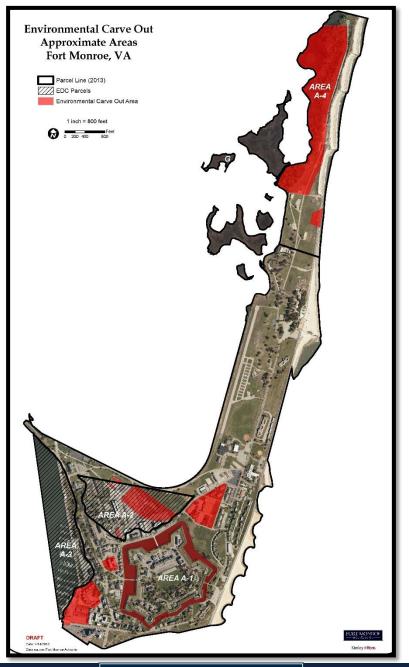
- ♣ In May of 1861 three slaves (Frank Baker, Shepherd Mallory, and James Townsend) rowed across the harbor to Fort Monroe
- ♣ Gen. Benjamin Butler refused to return slaves declaring them Contraband of War
- ♣ Thousands of slaves sought refuge under the protection of Fort Monroe
- **★** 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment adopted December 6, 1865



### **Vision for Fort Monroe**

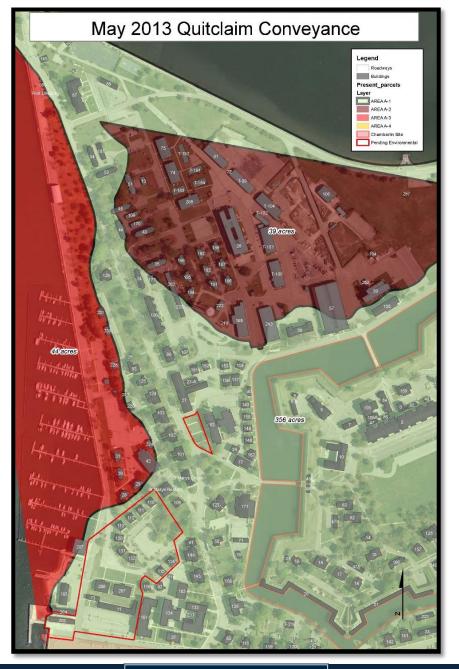
- Preserve the Property
- ♣ Tell the Story
- Economic Independence

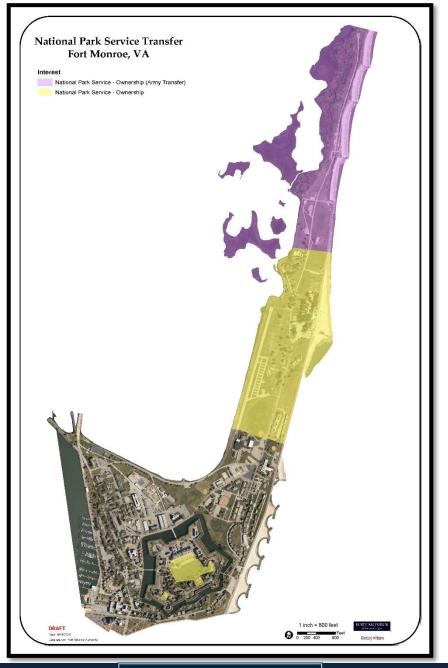




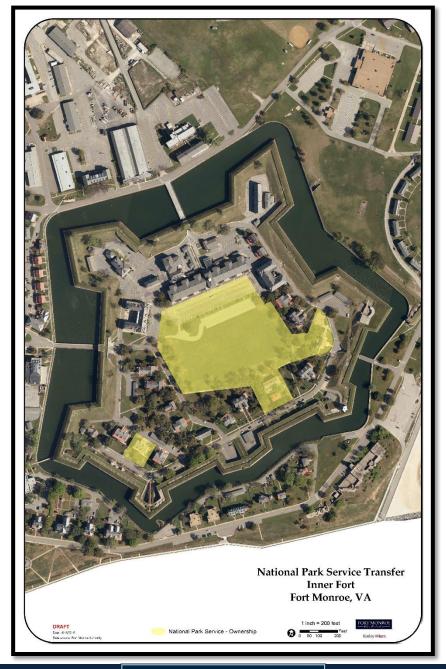


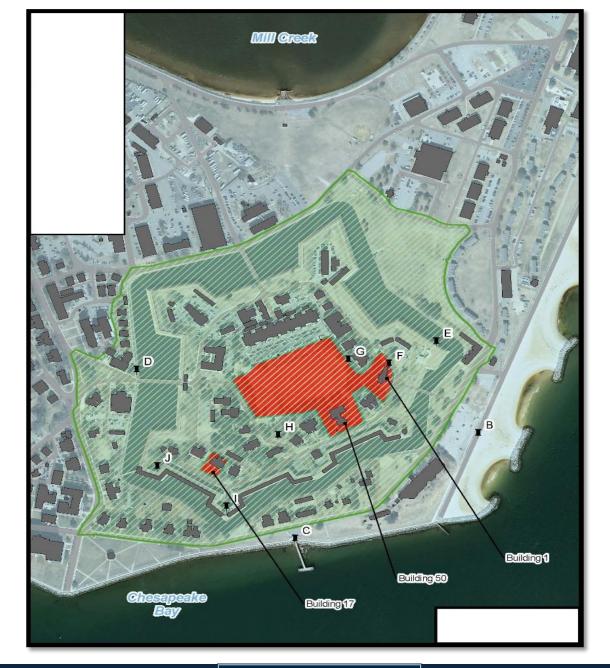






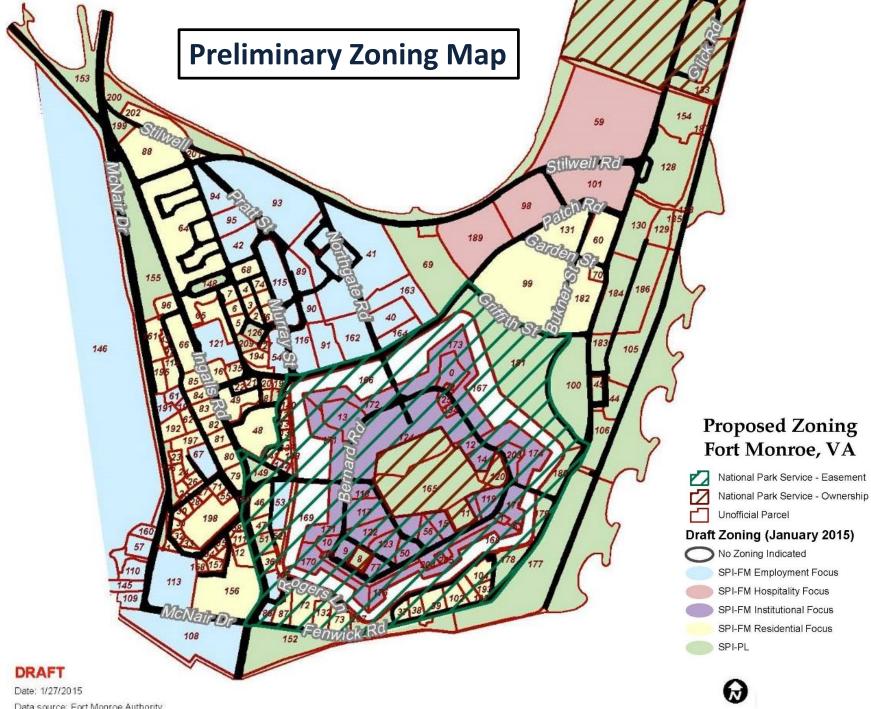




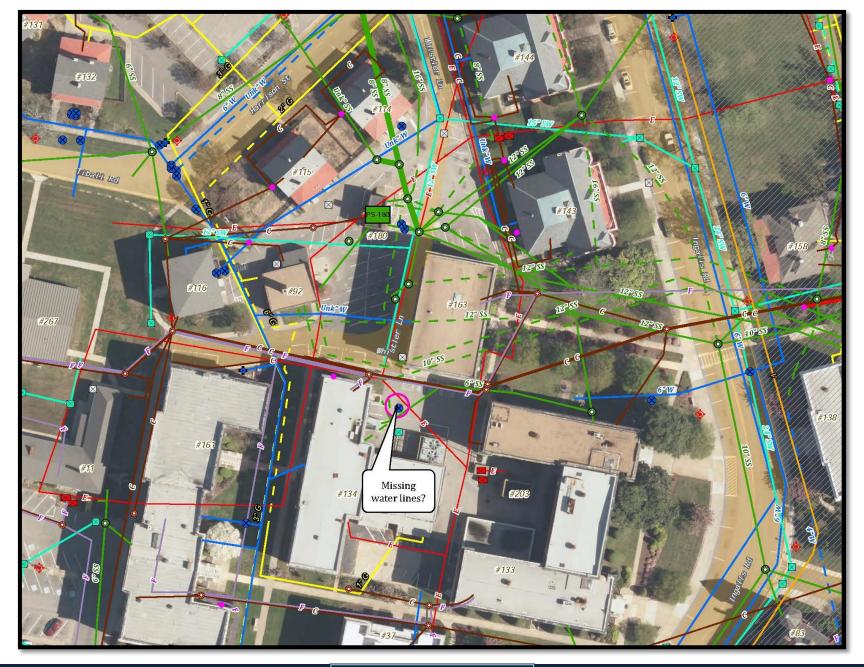








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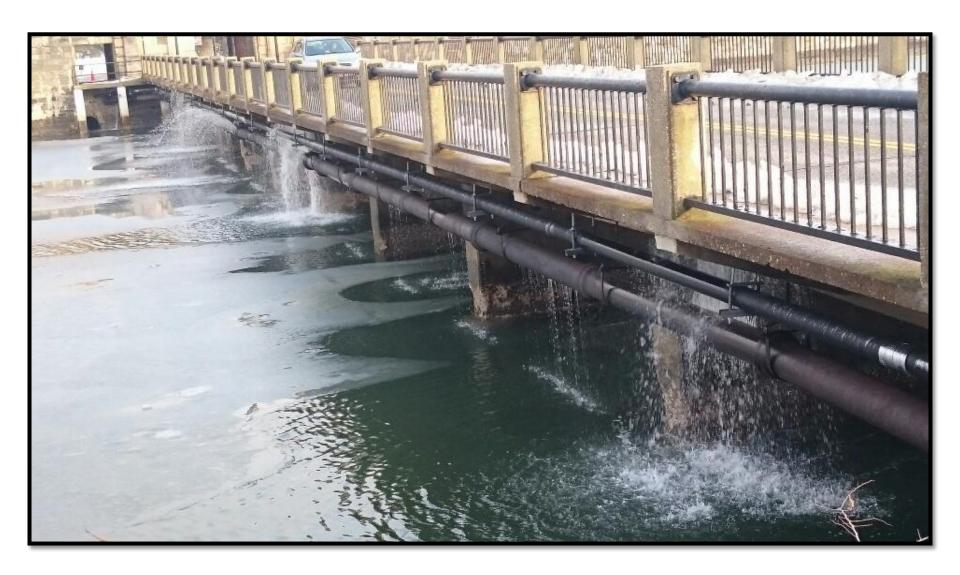






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